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## **DPD CONTINUES DRUG RAID SUCCESS WITH \$2M BUSTS**

### **• Large supplies of heroin, cocaine and marijuana seized in past week**

The Detroit Police Department's Narcotic's Unit and Patrol Operations Bureau continue to take large quantities of illegal drugs off the street, confiscating nearly \$2 million worth of heroin, cocaine, marijuana and drug proceeds last week alone.

In three raids, narcotics unit officers took 27 ounces of heroin valued at nearly \$1.4 million, more than 44 ounces of cocaine valued at more than \$500,000, as well as \$82,000 in cash and one gun. Patrol officers from the 8th Precinct discovered 48 lbs of marijuana, valued at more than \$22,000 in a vehicle they had attempted to stop for a traffic violation. The suspects eluded police in the vehicle, which was later found unoccupied, but with the marijuana in 48 one-pound bags in the trunk.

The large seizures continue a trend of significantly larger confiscations than in recent years. Two weeks ago, Chief Warren Evans announced that seizures from DPD's narcotics enforcement unit already in 2010 had taken more illegal drugs off the street than it had in all of 2009.

"The Detroit Police Department has become very good at finding larger quantities of illegal drugs," Chief Evans said. "Not only are our narcotics officers finding more drugs, so are our patrol officers."

### **Summary of major confiscations**

On June 9th, Detroit narcotics officers executed a search warrant at an apartment located on the city's west side. Officers confiscated more than 27 ounces of heroin with an approximate street value of \$1,377,000. One suspect was arrested and charges are pending further investigation.

Also on June 9<sup>th</sup>, officers from the 8<sup>th</sup> Precinct attempted a traffic stop of a vehicle at 7 Mile and Annchester when the vehicle sped off and eluded police. A short time later, officers discovered the vehicle unoccupied at Clarita and Edinborough. They conducted an inventory search of the vehicle and discovered approximately 48 pounds of marijuana in a duffel bag in the back. The next day, a man came to the station claiming to be the man who was driving the vehicle when it fled police. The officers did not recognize him as the man who fled them the day before. They then went out to the parking lot and observed two men sitting inside of a vehicle, one of whom the officers immediately recognized as the driver of the vehicle the day before. As they approached the vehicle, the driver, Edward Ware, 59, allegedly stash a bag of marijuana in the console.

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They searched him and also discovered a vial of 30 vicodin pills. His son, James Ware, was identified as officers as the driver of the vehicle that had the 48 pounds of marijuana in the back. At the time of his arrest outside the 8<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Moore had a bag of marijuana in his pants pocket. Both men have been charged with possession with intent to deliver marijuana. James Ware has been charged with fleeing and eluding police.

On June 8th, the joint task force raided a home located on Durand Street on Detroit's east side where they seized than 11 ounces of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$124,400 along with \$78,000 is suspected drug proceeds. One suspect was arrested and charges are pending further investigation.

On June 6th, Detroit narcotics officers executed a search warrant at a home located on Arizona, where they discovered 33 ounces of cocaine with a small quantity of marijuana, with an estimated street value of more than \$379,000. They also recovered over \$3,406.00 in US currency. One suspect was arrested and charges are pending further investigation.

"Confiscations of this size on a regular basis have to be disrupting the drug trade in the city of Detroit," Chief Evans said. "With so much less heroin on the street, that reduces the chances that recreational drug users will be coming into the city to get their fix, only perhaps to be robbed or even shot in the process. Taking these drugs out of circulation helps to reduce a variety of other crimes."



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